



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – September 3rd, 2023

Children's Ministry (*birth – 6th grade*) available

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Josh
Worship in Singing	Worship Team
* 5 th -6 th graders leave for class (last room on left in Education Wing)	
Bible Teaching	Pastor Josh
Worship in Singing	Worship Team

Special Upcoming Opportunities

LUNCH ON THE LAWN COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Invite friends to our final 2023 outdoor worship service next week on **9/10!** Subs & dessert, with GF/DF options. Bounce house & face painting for kids.

UPCOMING GROUPS FOR LADIES:

- Bible study Th 6:30pm in café (**starts 9/7**). Dshappy87@gmail.com
- Mending the Soul (for women healing from abuse) **2 new groups launch in Oct.** Info & to enroll: Mendingthesoul518@gmail.com
- Post-Abortion Support Group (7-wk session) **Saturdays 9am** starting in October. Info & to enroll: Michelle.butler19@aol.com

FALL RETREATS @ CAMP OF THE WOODS (a few openings left!)

- **Ladies: 9/15-17.** Lodging, meals, activities included in \$270 rate.
 - **Men: 9/29 - 10/1.** Lodging, meals, activities included in \$200 rate.
- 5-6 openings left for men; 1-2 spots left for ladies. **Sign up ASAP!**

KIDS' PLAYDATES: Tues mornings 10-noon (*outdoors – bring trikes*)

Everyday Life at OAC

NEW GUESTS: Please visit the Welcome Booth in café after service to receive a gift! We also invite you to fill out the Connection Card (*seat pocket in front of you*) & drop in the box at the Booth in cafe.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: "Where am I now with Jesus? What would help me to move forward with Him?" Whatever your answer, we'd love to partner with you! (resources, connections, etc.) *website: /reaching*

BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

EVERYBODY SERVES: Let us help you serve the Lord as you serve others; 30+ ways to make a difference! *website: /ministries*

PRAYER: Join with others on **Sundays 9-9:40am** and/or the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30pm** in the last room on the left in the Education wing.

GIVING OPTIONS: 1) Drop in offering boxes by worship center doors
2) Check by mail. 3) Use link on website / app. *website: /egiving*

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

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Don't ever stop talking about the gospel

God at Work – Acts 14 (ESV)

¹ Now at Iconium they [Paul & Barnabas] entered together into the Jewish synagogue and **spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed.** ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So they remained for a long time, **speaking boldly for the Lord**, who bore witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴ But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. ⁵ When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, ⁶ they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, ⁷ and there **they continued to preach the gospel.**

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and **we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God**, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations He allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet He did not leave himself without witness, for He did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. ¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

²¹ When they had **preached the gospel** to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² **strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.** ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. ²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had **spoken the word** in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, **they declared all that God had done with them**, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And **they remained no little time with the disciples.**